

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An information updating method for vehicle-mounted control units, said method comprising:

~~inquiring;~~ when an updating event occurs, an information management base station transmitting a query to all [[the]] vehicles under [[the]] its management of an information management base station unit, about the presence or absence of regarding whether or not a vehicle-mounted control units unit that needs to be updated by the information management base station unit is present thereon;

said information management base station selecting [[the]] vehicles to be updated based on the replies from the individual vehicles; and

said information management base station updating only the selected vehicles ~~to be updated via wireless communication.~~

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) An information updating method for vehicle-mounted control units, comprising:

~~transmitting information relating to an information update from an~~
information management base station unit transmitting information relating to
an information update via wireless communication;

receiving the transmitted information on a vehicle;

said vehicle determining whether or not the information update is
necessary for the vehicle, based on the information received ~~information at~~ by
the vehicle; [[end;]]

said vehicle transmitting the determination result from the vehicle
to the information management base station unit;

~~transmitting the update information from the~~ said information
management base station unit transmitting the update information to [[the]]
said vehicle via wireless communication only if the information update is
necessary for the vehicle; and

reprogramming ~~the information of~~ the vehicle-mounted control unit
based on the transmitted update information.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) An update information communication
system comprising:

an information management base station unit; and

a vehicle that can bidirectionally and wirelessly communicate with
~~each other~~ said information management base station; [[,]] wherein,

when an updating event occurs, the information management base
station unit ~~inquires~~ transmits a query to all the vehicles under its management
~~about~~ regarding the presence or absence of vehicle-mounted control units that
need to be updated; [[,]]

said information management base station selects [[the]] vehicles to
be updated based on [[the]] replies from the individual vehicles; [[,]] and

said information management base station updates [[the]] only
those vehicles that need to be updated, via wireless communication.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) An update information communication
system comprising:

an information management base station unit; [[and]]

a vehicle having a vehicle mounted control unit; and

a bidirectional wireless communication link between said
information management base station unit and the vehicle; ~~that can~~
~~bidirectionally and wirelessly communicate with each other~~, wherein;

information relating to an information update is transmitted from the information management base station via wireless communication, and ~~the information~~ is received by the vehicle; [[,]]

whether or not an information update is necessary for the vehicle is determined at the vehicle end based on the received information; [[,]]

the determination result is transmitted from the vehicle to the information management base station unit; [[,]]

the update information is transmitted from the information management base station unit to the vehicle via wireless communication only if the information update is necessary for the vehicle; [[,]] and

information of the vehicle-mounted control unit is rewritten.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The update information communication system according to claim 4, wherein the information for the reprogramming comprises ~~data such as~~ at least one of programs and control constants [[in]] for the vehicle-mounted control units.

Claim 6. (Original) The update information communication system according to claim 4, wherein the information transmitted from the information management base station unit to the vehicle includes management information concerning the vehicle-mounted control unit.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The update information communication system according to claim 4, wherein ~~the period~~ information for reprogramming programs and data in the vehicle-mounted control unit is transmitted to the vehicle only when it is in an update-allowed state. ~~limited depending on the vehicle state.~~

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The update information communication system according to claim ~~[[4,]]~~ 7, wherein said vehicle is in an update-allowed state only when it is ~~the period for reprogramming programs and data in the vehicle-mounted control unit can be limited to the vehicle being parked and not in operation.~~

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The update information communication system according to claim 4, wherein:

the information management base station unit comprises a database in which update information and vehicle information for a plurality of types of vehicles are stored; and ~~[[,]]~~

~~wherein~~ the information management base station unit selects specific update information from the database based on the vehicle information.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) An information management base station unit capable of bidirectionally communicating with a vehicle wirelessly,

wherein, when an updating event occurs, the information management base station unit ~~inquires~~ transmits a query to all the vehicles under its management regarding whether they have on board a ~~about the presence or absence of~~ vehicle-mounted control ~~units~~ unit that needs to be updated, selects the vehicles to be updated based on ~~[[the]]~~ replies from ~~[[the]]~~ individual vehicles, and carries out an update on ~~[[the]]~~ only those vehicles that have control units that need to be updated, via wireless communication.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-mounted control unit capable of bidirectionally communicating wirelessly with an information management base station ~~wirelessly~~, wherein in response to an update inquiry from the information management base station unit, the vehicle-mounted control unit determines whether or not it ~~is the unit~~ needs to be updated, ~~in response to the inquiry of update from the information management base station unit~~, transmits ~~[[the]]~~ a determination result to the information management base station unit, and carries out an update ~~with an~~ if it receives update information transmitted from the information management base station unit.

Claim 12. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein:

each vehicle mounted control unit determines whether the vehicle is in an update-allowed state;

said replies include information regarding an outcome of said determination; and

each vehicle is updated only when it is in an update-allowed state.

Claim 13. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein said update-allowed state comprises a state in which the vehicle is parked and not in operation.

Claim 14. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein:

said vehicle further determines whether it is in an update-allowed state; and

said information management base station transmits said update information only when the vehicle is in an update-allowed state.

Claim 15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein said update-allowed state comprises a state in which the vehicle is parked and not in operation.

Claim 16. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said query is transmitted by said information management base station, simultaneously to all vehicles under its management, via a broadcasting system.

Claim 17. (New) The method according to claim 3, wherein said query is transmitted by said information management base station, simultaneously to all vehicles under its management, via a broadcasting system.

Claim 18. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein said query is transmitted by said information management base station, simultaneously to all vehicles under its management, via a broadcasting system.